

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

521 House Office Building

Tuesday 10:30 A.M.

February 27, 2007

Representative Joel Sheltroun, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Sheltroun requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, Walker and Horn.

Absent: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Ebli moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Stakoe.

Representative Hammon moved to approve the minutes of the **February 20, 2007** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid HB 4143 before the committee.

HB 4143 Bieda Watercraft; violations; certain marine safety misdemeanor violations;
designate as state civil infraction.

Representative Bieda, sponsor of HB 4143, explained the changes made in substitute (H-2) to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Rodney Stokes and Craig Gray, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill.

Phil Hoffman, representing the Michigan Sheriffs Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak

Representative Simpson moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for **HB 4143**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, and Walker,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Casperson moved to report out **HB 4143** as substitute (**H-2**) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, Walker and Horn,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 4143 reported out as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

The Chair continued with the business of the committee by introducing **Director Rebecca A. Humphries**, representing the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**. **Director Humphries** gave an update of the Department activities and funding needs. **Director Humphries** introduced **Chief Deputy Dennis Fedewa**, **Chief Bill Moritz**, from the Wildlife Division, **Chief Alan Marble**, from the Law Enforcement Division, **Chief Ron Olson**, from the Parks and Recreation Division, **Chief Kelley Smith** from the Fisheries Division, **Assistant Chief/Forester Donna LaCourt**, from the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, and **Section Manager, James Radabaugh**, from the Recreation and Trails Section. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:40 a.m.**

Representative Joel Sheltroun, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
February 27, 2007
70 minutes

Date Approved and Signed